

Cuba

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In direct answer, let me say: We are not taking and will not take offensive action in this hemisphere. Neither will we permit aggression in this hemisphere. For, as the President of the United States made clear last week, we and other countries in the Americas will not be deterred from taking whatever action is needed by threats from any quarter. But ~~I~~<sup>if</sup> while we will not commit aggression, we will take whatever steps are necessary to prevent the government of Cuba from seeking to subvert any part of this hemisphere. We shall work closely with our inter-American partners. This intention does not, ~~on~~ of course, derogate from our right, a right anchored in the United Nations Charter, to protect our national security.